



HENRY DARGAN McMASTER  
GOVERNOR

May 13, 2025

The Honorable David Vaughan  
426B Blatt Building  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Representative Vaughan:

I have signed into law R-73, H. 4003, which pertains to the Greater Greenville Sanitation District's ("District") authority to provide refuse-, garbage-, or trash-collecting services outside of the geographic boundaries of the District; to develop certain property that the District owns; and to establish procedures for how an area may be annexed into the District.

Like several of my predecessors, I have consistently vetoed local or special legislation that is clearly unconstitutional. Therefore, I carefully consider all such legislation presented to me and scrutinize the same in view of the applicable law. Here, based on a review of H. 4003 and other relevant authorities, it appears that this bill is necessary to "best meet the exigencies of [this] particular situation," and it is not readily apparent how a general law could be made applicable without being overbroad in its scope. *Charleston Cnty. Sch. Dist. v. Harrell*, 393 S.C. 552, 559, 713 S.E.2d 604, 608 (2011). For instance, granting the District authority to develop a specific piece of property could not be done by general law without being overbroad in its scope or without making that law so specific that it "may as well have referred to [the District] by name." *Ellison v. Cass*, 241 S.C. 96, 102, 127 S.E.2d 206, 208 (1962). Although I do not believe H. 4003 is clearly unconstitutional on its face, given the General Assembly's regular reliance on—and the recurring nature of—special legislation, I encourage you and your colleagues to address similar issues in the future by passing general laws of uniform, statewide application whenever possible.

For the foregoing reasons, I have signed H. 4003 into law. I look forward to continuing to work with the General Assembly to address these and other similar issues on a statewide basis.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Henry D. McMaster".

Henry Dargan McMaster

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cc: Greenville County Legislative Delegation